

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An engine-driven work machine comprising

a pipe frame,

a transportable structure attached to the pipe frame,

a sling fitting provided above the pipe frame, the sling fitting having two ends, the sling fitting being hinged to the pipe frame at the two ends of the sling fitting for rotation of the sling fitting with respect to the pipe frame and to be held firmly in place on the pipe frame, and

a stopper stopping rotation of the sling fitting in a near-vertical direction,

the sling fitting having a bent section extending at a right-angle to a bottom edge of a center section of the sling fitting, and approximately C-shaped sections being provided adjacent to the two ends of the sling fitting on opposite sides of the center section, the C-shaped sections including hinge sections for rotationally supporting the sling fitting and for engaging with the stopper.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Withdrawn) The engine-driven work machine as described in claim 1, further comprising a shock-absorber on a side of the sling fitting.

4. - 5. (Cancelled)

6. (New) The engine-driven work machine as described in claim 1, wherein a lubricious washer is located between the sling fitting and the pipe frame to hold the sling fitting firmly in place at any angle.